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Confirmation No.: 3637

Filed: January 16, 2001

Art Unit: 2131

For: Access control apparatus and method for
electronic device

Examiner: S. Zia

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins
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Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.

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| Applicant(s): Richard S. Slevin | | | | |
| Invention: Access control apparatus and method for electronic device | | | | |
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